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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, October 5, show a continuation of the upward tendency begun two weeks ago, according to quotations cabled to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Practically all varieties of American apples were in light supply and the market in general was higher although the condition of much of the fruit was unsatisfactory because of the prevalence of blemishes and decay. British home grown apples are still plentiful and are selling at the low range of 75 cents to $1.46 per bushel basket.

Virginia York Imperials again topped the market, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch minimum selling quickly at from $8.76 to $9.25 per barrel, as compared with $7.30 to $8.27 last week, representing an increase of from $1.00 to $1.45 per barrel. Virginia Jonathans were also keenly competed for, the U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch minimum bringing from $8.76 to $9.00 per barrel as against a range of $6.69 to $7.30 paid for "Early Export" grades last week. The available supplies of Jonathans were very limited and a much larger quantity could have been disposed of at the prices quoted. The demand was also active for Virginia King Davids, Stayman Winesaps and Ben Davis. These varieties were likewise in light supply. There was only a moderate demand for Grimes Golden due to the fact that a large proportion of the fruit was in an overripe condition. Moreover, Grimes Golden were showing a large number of slacks. There was no demand at all for Virginia Yellow Newtowns. Such supplies of this variety as were offered proved to be in very poor condition. Many low grade barreled varieties were disposed of at from $4.38 to $6.08 per barrel.

In the boxed varieties, Washington King Davids were the most favored fruit. Offerings of "Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy", sizes 150, 163 and 175, sold readily at from $3.41 to $3.77 per box as against $3.65 per box last week. California Yellow Newtowns and Oregon Gravensteins were only in moderate demand. The demand for California Gravensteins was very slow because of the overripe condition of the fruit. All boxed varieties were in light supply.

Supplies of pears on the British market are moderate, states Mr. Smith. The market for pears in general remained unchanged. Supplies of English plums are about cleared up. Grapefruit supplies are only moderate. The market, however, is lower. A considerable improvement was noted in the demand for Idaho prunes.

Prices of American Fruit on the Liverpool Auction, Wednesday, September 28 and October 5, 1927

Variety and grade	Origin	Price: Sept. 28, 1927	Price: Oct. 5, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Apples:			
York Imperials, "Early Export"	Virginia	$6.57 - 7.79	a/
Inferior fruit, " "	"	b/ 4.87 - 6.33	a/
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	7.30 - 8.27	8.76 - 9.25
Unclassified	"	a/	6.57 - 7.30
Bonum, "Early Export"	"	6.81 - 7.06	a/
Grimes Golden, "Early Export"	"	5.96 - 6.08	a/
Unclassified	"	a/	5.35 - 6.20 c/
King David, "Early Export"	"	6.45 - 7.79	a/
Unclassified	"	a/	7.66 c/
Stayman Winesap, "Early Export"	"	5.84 - 6.08	a/
U.S. No. 1 2¼ in. " "	"	a/	8.52
Unclassified	"	a/	6.33 - 8.76 d/
Yellow Newtown, "Early Export"	"	e/ 4.20 - 5.84	a/
Unclassified	"	a/	3.95 - 5.35 e/
Ben Davis, "Early Export"	"	6.20 - 6.33	a/
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	a/	7.79 - 7.91
Unclassified	"	a/	5.72 - 7.18
Jonathan, "Early Export"	"	d/ 6.69 - 7.30	a/
U.S. No. 1, 2½ in.	"	a/	8.76 - 9.00
Baldwin, U.S., No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	6.93	a/
Wealthy, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	Massachusetts	4.87 - 5.47	a/
Gravensteins:		Per box	Per box
Fancy, 168/ smaller	California	a/	3.04
Combination, Extra Fancy and Fancy, 150, 163/175	Oregon	a/	3.16 - 3.22
Yellow Newtown:			
Fancy, 163/175	California	2.49 - 3.04	a/
Fancy, 150, 163 and 175	"	a/	2.92 d/
King David:			
Combination (Extra Fancy and Fancy) 150, 163 and 175	Washington	a/	3.41 - 3.77
Combination (Extra Fancy and Fancy) 163/175	"	3.65	a/
Pears:			
Bartlett	California	a/	3.89 - 4.38
Hardy	"	4.38	4.62 - 5.11
Bartlett	Oregon	3.16	3.89 - 4.38
D'Anjou	"	a/	4.38 - 4.62
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Kieffer	New York	a/	2.01 - 4.26
Bartlett	"	4.87	a/
		Per case	Per case
Grapefruit	Jamaica	8.76 - 9.73	6.08
Grapefruit	Florida	a/	6.33 - 6.57
Grapefruit	Cuba	a/	6.93 - 7.79
Grapefruit	Porto Rico	8.76 - 9.73	a/
Prunes	Idaho	1.46 - 1.82	2.01 - 2.13
"Suitcase"	"	a/	1.58 - 1.70

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Badly scalded. c/ Slack condition. d/ Fair condition. e/ Poor condition.

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